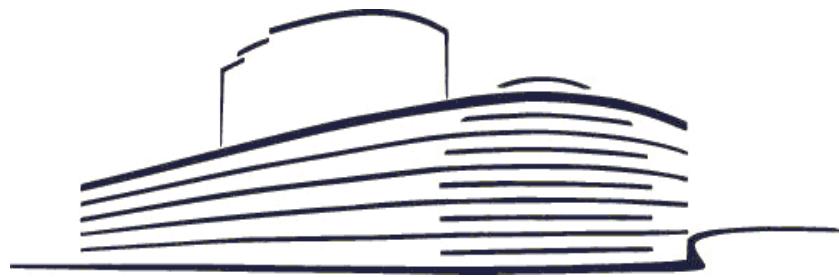


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*	Consultation procedure
** I	Cooperation procedure: first reading
** II	Cooperation procedure: second reading
***	Assent procedure
***I	Codecision procedure: first reading
***II	Codecision procedure: second reading
***III	Codecision procedure: third reading

(The type of procedure is determined by the legal basis proposed by the Commission)

INFORMATION RELATING TO VOTING TIME

Unless stated otherwise, the rapporteurs informed the Chair in writing, before the vote, of their position on the amendments.

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

AFET	Committee on Foreign Affairs
DEVE	Committee on Development
INTA	Committee on International Trade
BUDG	Committee on Budgets
CONT	Committee on Budgetary Control
ECON	Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
EMPL	Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
ENVI	Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
ITRE	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
IMCO	Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
TRAN	Committee on Transport and Tourism
REGI	Committee on Regional Development
AGRI	Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
PECH	Committee on Fisheries
CULT	Committee on Culture and Education
JURI	Committee on Legal Affairs
LIBE	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
AFCO	Committee on Constitutional Affairs
FEMM	Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
PETI	Committee on Petitions

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR POLITICAL GROUPS

PPE-DE	Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats
PSE	Socialist Group in the European Parliament
ALDE	Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
Verts/ALE	Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
GUE/NGL	Confederal Group of the European United Left – Nordic Green Left
IND/DEM	Independence and Democracy Group
UEN	Union for Europe of the Nations Group
NI	Non-attached Members

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2005 - 2006 SESSION

Sittings of 8 to 10 March 2005

STRASBOURG

MINUTES

IN THE CHAIR: Josep BORRELL FONTELLES
President

1. Opening of session

Pursuant to Article 196, first paragraph, of the EC Treaty and Rule 127(2), the 2005-2006 session of the European Parliament opened.

2. Opening of sitting

The sitting opened at 9.05.

3. Welcome

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed Mr Solomon Passy, Bulgaria's Minister for Foreign Affairs, who had taken his seat in the distinguished visitors' gallery.

4. Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (announcement of motions for resolutions tabled)

Pursuant to Rule 115, the following Members or political groups had requested that such a debate be held on the following motions for resolutions:

I. Belarus

- Jonas Sjöstedt and Vittorio Agnoletto, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the human rights situation in Belarus (B6-0191/2005);

- Bogdan Klich, Aldis Kušķis, Bernd Posselt and Árpád Duka-Zólyomi, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on Belarus (B6-0193/2005);

- Emma Bonino, Marco Pannella, Henrik Lax and Janusz Onyszkiewicz, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on Belarus: the Marinich case and others (B6-0198/2005);

- Pasqualina Napoletano and Jan Marinus Wiersma, on behalf of the PSE Group, on Belarus (B6-

0206/2005);

- Anna Elzbieta Fotypa, Konrad Szymański and Inese Vaidere, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the situation in Belarus (B6-0209/2005);
- Elisabeth Schroedter, Joost Lagendijk and Marie Anne Isler Béguin, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the case of Mikhail Marinich in Belarus (B6-0212/2005).

II. Cambodia

- Vittorio Agnoletto, Guido Sacconi and Jonas Sjöstedt, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the human rights situation in Cambodia (B6-0190/2005);
- Ari Vatanen, José Ribeiro e Castro and Bernd Posselt, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on Cambodia (B6-0194/2005);
- Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Emma Bonino, Marco Pannella, Jules Maaten and Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on Cambodia (B6-0196/2005);
- Pasqualina Napoletano and Marc Tarabella, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the lifting of the parliamentary immunity of three MPs in Cambodia (B6-0207/2005);
- Gintaras Didžiokas and Anna Elzbieta Fotypa, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the situation in Cambodia (B6-0210/2005);
- Frithjof Schmidt and Marie Anne Isler Béguin, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on Cambodia (B6-0211/2005).

III. Saudi Arabia

- Roberta Angelilli and Cristiana Muscardini, on behalf of the UEN Group, on Saudi Arabia (B6-0189/2005);
- Tobias Pflüger, Eva-Britt Svensson, Věra Flasarová, Ilda Figueiredo, Luisa Morgantini and Georgios Toussas, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on women's rights in Saudi Arabia (B6-0192/2005);
- Avril Doyle and John Purvis, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on Saudi Arabia (B6-0195/2005);
- Cecilia Malmström, Emma Bonino and Marco Pannella, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on women's participation in elections in Saudi Arabia (B6-0197/2005);
- Pasqualina Napoletano and Lilli Gruber, on behalf of the PSE Group, on Saudi Arabia (B6-0208/2005);
- Joost Lagendijk, Hiltrud Breyer, Raül Romeva i Rueda, Jillian Evans and Satu Hassi, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on Saudi Arabia (B6-0213/2005).

Speaking time would be allocated in accordance with Rule 142.

5. Documents received

The following documents had been received:

1) reports from committees:

- * Report on the proposal for a Council regulation applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences (COM(2004)0699 - COM(2005)0043 - C6-0001/2005 - 2004/0242(CNS)) - Committee on International Trade - Rapporteur: Sánchez Presedo Antolín (A6-0045/2005)
- Report on draft amending budget No 1/2005 of the European Union for the financial year 2005, Section III - Commission (06876/2005 - C6-0052/2005 - 2005/2014(BUD)) - Committee on Budgets - Rapporteur: Garriga Polledo Salvador (A6-0047/2005)
- Report on the estimates of the European Parliament for an Amending Budget of the European Union for the financial year 2005 (salary adjustment) (2005/2034(BUD)) - Committee on Budgets - Rapporteur: Jensen Anne Elisabet (A6-0048/2005)
- Report on Financing Natura 2000 (2004/2164(INI)) - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety - Rapporteur: Auken Margrete (A6-0049/2005)

2) from Members

2.1) motion for a resolution (Rule 113)

- Garriga Polledo Salvador - Motion for a resolution on the International Year of Microcredit (B6-0146/2005)

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2.2) written declarations for entry in the Register (Rule 116)

- Diana Wallis, John Bowis, Charles Tannock, Catherine Stihler and Jean Lambert on endometriosis (13/2005)

6. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women - Platform for Action (Beijing + 10) (debate)

The President made a brief introductory statement.

Oral question by Lissy Gröner, Amalia Sartori, Hiltrud Breyer, Eva-Britt Svensson, Konrad Szymański, Urszula Krupa, Lydia Schenardi and Maria Carlshamre, on behalf of the FEMM Committee, to the Council: Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women - Platform for Action (Beijing + 10) (B6-0015/2005)

Oral question by Lissy Gröner, Amalia Sartori, Hiltrud Breyer, Eva-Britt Svensson, Konrad Szymański, Urszula Krupa, Lydia Schenardi, Maria Carlshamre, on behalf of the FEMM Committee, to the Commission: Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women - Platform for Action (Beijing + 10) (B6-0016/2005)

Lissy Gröner moved the oral questions.

Marie-Josée Jacobs (President-in-Office of the Council) and Vladimír Špidla (Member of the Commission) answered the questions.

IN THE CHAIR: Pierre MOSCOVICI
Vice-President

The following spoke: Anna Záborská, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Edite Estrela, on behalf of the PSE Group, Maria Carlshamre, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Hiltrud Breyer, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Eva-Britt Svensson, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Urszula Krupa, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Marcin Libicki, on behalf of the UEN Group, Irena Belohorská, Non-attached Member, Lívia Járóka, Pia Elda Locatelli, Claire Gibault, Satu Hassi, Ilda Figueiredo, Edit Bauer, Zita Gurmai, Anneli Jäättänenmäki, Feleknas Uca, Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Teresa Riera Madurell, Angelika Niebler, Bernadette Vergnaud, María Esther Herranz García, Inger Segelström, Avril Doyle, Emine Bozkurt, Véronique De Keyser, Katerina Batzeli, Marie-Josée Jacobs and Vladimír Špidla.

Motions for resolution to wind up the debate tabled pursuant to Rule 108(5):

- Hiltrud Breyer and Monica Frassoni, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women - Platform for Action (Beijing + 10) (B6-0176/2005);
- Maria Carlshamre, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women - Platform for Action (Beijing + 10) (B6-0177/2005);
- Lissy Gröner, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women - Platform for Action (Beijing + 10) (B6-0178/2005);
- Cristiana Muscardini, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women - Platform for Action (Beijing + 10) (B6-0179/2005);
- Amalia Sartori, Edit Bauer, Lívia Járóka, Piia-Noora Kauppi and Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women - Platform for Action (Beijing + 10) (B6-0180/2005);
- Eva-Britt Svensson, Ilda Figueiredo and Luisa Morgantini, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women - Platform for Action (Beijing + 10) (B6-0184/2005).

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 10.03.2005, Item 7.4*

7. Social situation in the European Union (debate)

Report on the social situation in the European Union (2004/2190(INI)) - Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. Rapporteur: Ilda Figueiredo (A6-0035/2005)

Ilda Figueiredo introduced the report.

Vladimír Špidla (Member of the Commission) spoke.

IN THE CHAIR: Gérard ONESTA
Vice-President

The following spoke: Jacek Protasiewicz, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Françoise Castex, on behalf of the PSE Group, Elspeth Attwooll, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Sepp Kusstatscher, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Gabriele Zimmer, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Derek Roland Clark, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Brian Crowley, on behalf of the UEN Group, Jan Tadeusz Masiel, Non-attached Member, José Albino Silva Peneda, Yannick Vaugrenard, Jan Jerzy Kułakowski, Elisabeth Schroedter, Mario Borghezio, Mogens N.J. Camre, Luca Romagnoli, Milan Cabrnnoch, Richard Falbr, Andreas Mölzer and Ana Mato Adrover, Thomas Mann, Philip Bushill-Matthews, Panayiotis Demetriou and Vladimír Špidla.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 08.03.2005, Item 9.6*

8. Scheme of generalised tariff preferences * (debate)

Report on the proposal for a Council regulation applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences (COM(2004)0699 – COM(2005)0043 – C6-0001/2005 – 2004/0242(CNS)) - Committee on International Trade. Rapporteur: Antolín Sánchez Presedo (A6-0045/2005)

Peter Mandelson (Member of the Commission) spoke.

Antolín Sánchez Presedo introduced the report.

The following spoke: Margrietus van den Berg (draftsman of the opinion of the DEVE Committee), Maria Martens, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Elisa Ferreira, on behalf of the PSE Group, Johan Van Hecke, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Margrete Auken, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, and Nigel Farage, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group.

The debate was suspended at that point for voting time.

It would resume at 21.00 (*Minutes of 08.03.2005, Item 19*).

IN THE CHAIR: Antonios TRAKATELLIS
Vice-President

9. Voting time

Details of voting (amendments, separate and split votes, etc.) appear in Annex 1 to the Minutes.

9.1. A new organisational structure for financial services committees *I**

The House had been informed the previous day (*Minutes of 07.03.2005, Item 4*), that the Council had sent Parliament a corrigendum to the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 73/239/EEC, 85/611/EEC, 91/675/EEC, 92/49/EEC and 93/6/EEC and Directives 94/19/EC, 98/78/EC, 2000/12/EC, 2001/34/EC, 2002/83/EC and 2002/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in order to establish a new organisational structure for financial services committees (6429/1/2005 - C6-0051/2005 - 2003/0263(COD)).

In a letter dated that day, the Chairwoman of the ECON Committee had announced that the committee had voted in favour of adopting the corrigendum.

Pervenche Berès, Chairwoman of the ECON Committee, spoke.

Parliament adopted the corrigendum (*P6_TA(2005)0060*).

The act in question would be signed by the Presidents of Parliament and the Council.

9.2. Conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks *II (vote)**

Recommendation for second reading on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks (11652/2/2004 - C6-0188/2004 - 2003/0302(COD)) - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. Rapporteur: Esko Seppänen (A6-0012/2005)

(Qualified majority)

(Voting record: Annex I, Item 1)

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Declared approved as amended (*P6_TA(2005)0061*)

9.3. Social security schemes *II (vote)**

Recommendation for second reading on the Council common position for adopting a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 (12062/3/2004 - C6-0189/2004 - 2003/0184(COD)) - Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. Rapporteur: Proinsias De Rossa (A6-0003/2005)

(Qualified majority)

(Voting record: Annex I, Item 2)

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Declared approved (*P6_TA(2005)0062*)

9.4. Community air traffic controller licence *I (vote)**

Report on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Community Air Traffic Controller Licence (COM(2004)0473 - C6-0076/2004 - 2004/0146(COD)) - Committee on Transport and Tourism. Rapporteur: Ingo Schmitt (A6-0038/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: Annex I, Item 3)

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Approved as amended (*P6_TA(2005)0063*)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6_TA(2005)0063*)

9.5. EIB activity report 2003 (vote)

Report on the activity report for 2003 of the European Investment Bank (2004/2187(INI)) - Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Rapporteur: Alain Lipietz (A6-0032/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: Annex 1, Item 4)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (*P6_TA(2005)0064*)

9.6. Social situation in the European Union (vote)

Report on the social situation in the European Union (2004/2190(INI)) - Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. Rapporteur: Ilda Figueiredo (A6-0035/2005)

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: Annex 1, Item 5)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Rejected

The following spoke on the vote:

- The rapporteur, before the vote, on translation problems in her report;
- Jacek Protasiewicz, who moved an oral amendment to amendment 4, which was incorporated;
- The rapporteur, who pointed out that she had meant to vote in favour of the second part of paragraph 9.

10. Explanations of vote

Written explanations of vote:

Explanations of vote submitted in writing under Rule 163(3) appear in the verbatim report of proceedings for the sitting.

11. Corrections to votes

Corrections to votes were submitted by the following Members:

Report: Ilda Figueiredo - A6-0035/2005

- amendment 1
for: Ewa Klamt

- paragraph 5, indent 7
for: Åsa Westlund

John Purvis had been present but had not taken part in the vote on the De Rossa report (A6-0003/2005).

(The sitting was suspended at 12.40 and resumed at 15.10.)

IN THE CHAIR: Luigi COCILOVO
Vice-President

12. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

Avril Doyle, Liam Aylward, Eoin Ryan, Jim Higgins and Zita Gurmai had informed the Presidency that they had been present but that their names were not on the attendance register.

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The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

13. Deadline for the tabling of amendments

The following report had been adopted in committee:

Report on financing Natura 2000 (2004/2164(INI)) - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Rapporteur: Margrete Auken (A6-0049/2005)

The deadline for tabling amendments would be 09.03.2005 at 10.00.

14. Review of the Non-proliferation Treaty - Nuclear arms in North Korea and in Iran (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Review of the Non-proliferation Treaty - Nuclear arms in North Korea and in Iran

Nicolas Schmit (President-in-Office of the Council) and Louis Michel (Member of the Commission) made the statements.

The following spoke: Karl von Wogau, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Jan Marinus Wiersma, on behalf of the PSE Group, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Angelika Beer, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Tobias Pflüger, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Georgios Karatzafiris, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Philip Claeys, Non-attached Member, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Ana Maria Gomes, István Szent-Iványi, Caroline Lucas, Vittorio Agnoletto, Alessandro Battilocchio, Elmar Brok, Marek Maciej Siwiec, Lapo Pistelli, Ryszard Czarnecki, Ursula Stenzel, Alexander Lambsdorff, Georg Jarzemowski, Johan Van Hecke, Janusz Onyszkiewicz, Michael Gahler, Glyn Ford, Nicolas Schmit and Louis Michel.

Motions for resolutions to wind up the debate tabled pursuant to Rule 103(2):

- Jan Marinus Wiersma, Glyn Ford and Ana Maria Gomes, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the Non-Proliferation Treaty 2005 Review Conference - Nuclear arms in North Korea and Iran (B6-0148/2005);
- Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Johan Van Hecke and István Szent-Iványi, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty 2005 Review Conference - New York, May 2005 (B6-0152/2005);
- Elmar Brok, Karl von Wogau, Armin Laschet, Bogdan Klich and Vytautas Landsbergis, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on the Non-Proliferation Treaty 2005 Review Conference and the nuclear programmes of North Korea and Iran (B6-0153/2005);
- Girts Valdis Kristovskis and Anna Elzbieta Fotyga, on behalf of the UEN Group, on nuclear arms in North Korea and Iran (B6-0174/2005);
- Tobias Pflüger, Willy Meyer Pleite, Vittorio Agnoletto and Umberto Guidoni, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the Non Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in 2005 – Nuclear weapons in North Korea and Iran (B6-0182/2005);
- Angelika Beer, Monica Frassoni, Caroline Lucas, Jillian Evans, Jean Lambert, Marie-Hélène Aubert and Raül Romeva i Rueda, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the Non Proliferation Treaty 2005 Review Conference – Nuclear arms in North Korea and Iran (B6-0185/2005).

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 10.03.2005, Item 7.6*

15. Situation in Lebanon (debate)

Council and Commission statements: Situation in Lebanon

Nicolas Schmit (President-in-Office of the Council) and Louis Michel (Member of the Commission) made the statements.

The following spoke: José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Pasqualina Napoletano, on behalf of the PSE Group, Philippe Morillon, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Hélène Flautre, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Miguel Portas, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Bastiaan Belder, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Eoin Ryan, on behalf of the UEN Group, Ryszard Czarnecki, Non-attached Member, Margie Sudre, Véronique De Keyser, Marco Pannella, Joost Lagendijk and Athanasios Pafilis.

IN THE CHAIR: Jacek Emil SARYUSZ-WOLSKI
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mario Borghezio, Marine Le Pen, Giorgos Dimitrakopoulos, Pierre Moscovici, Paul Marie Coûteaux, Camiel Eurlings, Hannes Swoboda, Charles Tannock, Béatrice Patrie, Armin Laschet, Panagiotis Beglitis, Gitte Seeberg, Giovanni Claudio Fava and Nicolas Schmit.

Motions for resolutions to wind up the debate tabled pursuant to Rule 103(2):

- Pasqualina Napoletano and Véronique De Keyser, on behalf of the PSE Group, on Lebanon (B6-0149/2005);
- Hélène Flautre and Daniel Marc Cohn-Bendit, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the situation in Lebanon (B6-0150/2005);
- Philippe Morillon, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on Lebanon (B6-0151/2005);
- Anna Elzbieta Fotypa, Adriana Poli Bortone, Konrad Szymański and Sebastiano (Nello) Musumeci, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the current situation in Lebanon (B6-0175/2005);
- João de Deus Pinheiro, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Camiel Eurlings, Bogusław Sonik, Elmar Brok and Armin Laschet, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on the situation in Lebanon (B6-0181/2005);
- Miguel Portas and Luisa Morgantini, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the situation in Lebanon (B6-0183/2005).

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 10.03.2005, Item 7.7*

(The sitting was suspended at 17.35 and resumed at 18.05.)

IN THE CHAIR: António COSTA
Vice-President

16. Services in the internal market/Patentability of computer software (debate)

Commission communication: Services in the internal market/Patentability of computer software

Charlie McCreevy (Member of the Commission) made the communication.

The following spoke under the 'catch the eye' procedure: Marianne Thyssen, Evelyne Gebhardt, Hans-Peter Martin, Cecilia Malmström, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Marie Anne Isler Béguin, Philippe de Villiers, Jacques Toubon, Michel Rocard, Michał Tomasz Kamiński, Malcolm Harbour, Anders Samuelsen, Philip Bushill-Matthews, Anne Van Lancker, Bruno Gollnisch, Charlotte Cederschiöld, Sophia in 't Veld, Gunnar Hökmark, Eva Lichtenberger, Vittorio Agnoletto, Jan Andersson, Othmar Karas, Emanuel Jardim Fernandes, Marielle De Sarnez, Avril Doyle, on the conduct of the debate, and Charlie McCreevy.

Ian Hudghton asked for clarification of the rules governing the 'catch-the-eye' procedure (the President replied that he would forward Mr Hudghton's request to the Bureau).

The debate closed.

17. Question Time (Commission)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Commission (B6-0019/2005).

First part

Question 16 (Bill Newton Dunn): The Union's Top Ten Most Wanted Criminals.

Franco Frattini (Vice-President of the Commission) answered the question and supplementaries by Bill Newton Dunn, Paul Rübig and David Martin.

Question 17 (Paul Rübig): Aviation security.

Jacques Barrot (Vice-President of the Commission) answered the question and a supplementary by Paul Rübig.

Question 18 (Inés Ayala Sender): Closure of the Spanish-French border to large vehicles at the Somport tunnel.

Jacques Barrot answered the question and supplementaries by Inés Ayala Sender and Josu Ortuondo Larrea.

Second part

Question 19 (David Martin): Counterfeit products and trade with Russia and China.

László Kovács (Member of the Commission) answered the question and supplementaries by David Martin, Georgios Papastamkos and Daniel Caspary.

Question 20 (Claude Moraes): Trade concessions to help developing countries.

Andris Piebalgs (Member of the Commission) answered the question.

Claude Moraes spoke.

Question 21 (Josu Ortuondo Larrea): Disadvantages for European manufacturers of pliers from excessive import duty rates in the USA.

Andris Piebalgs answered the question and a supplementary by Josu Ortuondo Larrea.

IN THE CHAIR: Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS ROCA
Vice-President

Question 22 (Georgios Papastamkos): Threatened increase of US duties on processed peaches from Europe.

Andris Piebalgs answered the question and a supplementary by Georgios Papastamkos.

Question 23 (Jan Andersson): Impact of EU agricultural policy on world trade.

László Kovács answered the question and a supplementary by Jan Andersson.

Questions 24 to 25 would receive written answers.

Question 26 (Mihael Brejc): Administrative reform of the European institutions.

Andris Piebalgs answered the question and supplementaries by Mihael Brejc and Åsa Westlund.

Question 27 (Paul van Buitenen): The role of the Court of Auditors as the 'financial conscience of Europe'.

Andris Piebalgs answered the question and a supplementary by Bart Staes (deputising for the author).

Question 28 (Bernd Posselt): Energy dependence on Russia.

Andris Piebalgs answered the question and supplementaries by Bernd Posselt and Daniel Caspary.

Question 29 (Justas Vincas Paleckis): Linking of energy systems in western and eastern Europe.

Andris Piebalgs answered the question and supplementaries by Justas Vincas Paleckis and Bernd Posselt.

Question 30 (Ryszard Czarnecki): Harmonisation of energy laws.

Andris Piebalgs answered the question and a supplementary by Ryszard Czarnecki.

Questions which had not been answered for lack of time would receive written answers.

Commission Question Time closed.

(The sitting was suspended at 20.25 and resumed at 21.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mario MAURO
Vice-President

18. Membership of committees and delegations

At the request of the GUE/NGL Group, Parliament ratified the following appointment:

Pedro Guerreiro as a member of the:

- REGI Committee
- PECH Committee
- Temporary committee on policy challenges and budgetary means of the enlarged Union 2007-2013
- Delegation to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee

19. Scheme of generalised tariff preferences * (continuation of debate)

The following spoke: Christofer Fjellner, Kader Arif, Danutė Budreikaitė, Daniel Varela Suanzes-Carpega, Jean-Claude Fruteau, Georgios Papastamkos, David Martin, Alexandra Dobolyi, Javier Moreno Sánchez and Saïd El Khadraoui.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 09.03.2005, Item 6.2*

20. Deliberations of the Committee on Petitions (2003-2004) (debate)

Report on the deliberations of the Committee on Petitions during the parliamentary year 2003-2004 (2004/2090(INI)) - Committee on Petitions. Rapporteur: Rainer Wieland (A6-0040/2005)

Rainer Wieland introduced the report.

Margot Wallström (Vice-President of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Richard Seeber, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Michael Cashman, on behalf of the PSE Group, and Elly de Groen-Kouwenhoven, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group in place of David Hammerstein Mintz, Marcin Libicki (Chairman of the PETI Committee), on behalf of the UEN Group, and Manolis Mavrommatis.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 09.03.2005, Item 6.4*

21. Work of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in 2004 (debate)

Report on the work of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in 2004 (2004/2141(INI)) - Committee on Development. Rapporteur: John Bowis (A6-0044/2005)

John Bowis introduced the report.

Dalia Grybauskaitė (Member of the Commission) spoke.

The following spoke: Maria Martens, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Glenys Kinnock, on behalf of the PSE Group, Carl Schlyter, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Jonas Sjöstedt, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mauro Zani and Karin Scheele.

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 09.03.2005, Item 6.1*

22. 2006 budget: draft amending budget 1/2005 - Estimates in view of the amending budget for the financial year 2005 (debate)

Report on the guidelines for Sections II, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII (A) and VIII (B) and on the European Parliament's preliminary draft estimates (Section I) for the 2006 budgetary procedure

Section I, European Parliament

Section II, Council

Section IV, Court of Justice

Section V, Court of Auditors

Section VI, European Economic and Social Committee

Section VII, Committee of the Regions

Section VIII (A), European Ombudsman

Section VIII (B), European Data Protection Supervisor (2004/2271(BUD)) - Committee on Budgets. Rapporteur: Valdis Dombrovskis (A6-0043/2005)

Report on draft amending budget No 1/2005 of the European Union for the financial year 2005 (06876/2005 - C6-0052/2005 - 2005//2014(BUD)) - Committee on Budgets. Rapporteur: Salvador Garriga Polledo (A6-0047/2005)

Report on the estimates of the European Parliament for an amending budget of the European Union for the financial year 2005 (salary adjustment) (2005/2034(BUD)) - Committee on Budgets.

Rapporteur: Anne E. Jensen (A6-0048/2005)

Valdis Dombrovskis introduced the report (A6-0043/2005).

Salvador Garriga Polledo introduced the report (A6-0047/2005).

Anne E. Jensen introduced the report (A6-0048/2005).

The following spoke: Markus Ferber, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Catherine Guy-Quint, on behalf of the PSE Group, Kyösti Tapi Virrankoski, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Lars Wohlin, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, Wojciech Roszkowski, on behalf of the UEN Group, and Sergej Kozlík, Non-attached Member.

The debate closed.

Vote: A6-0043/2005 - 09.03.2005; A6-0047/2005, A6-0048/2005 - 10.03.2005.

(The sitting was suspended at 22.45 pending the arrival of Commissioner Kyprianou. It resumed at 22.50)

23. Planned egg cell trade (debate)

Commission statement: Planned egg cell trade

Markos Kyprianou (Member of the Commission) made the statement.

The following spoke: Maria Martens, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Martine Roure, on behalf of the PSE Group, Frédérique Ries, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Hiltrud Breyer, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Eva-Britt Svensson, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Urszula Krupa, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, James Hugh Allister, Non-attached Member, Anna Záboršká, Linda McAvan, Marios Matsakis, Margrete Auken, Adamos Adamou, Johannes Blokland, Peter Liese, Patrizia Toia, Bogusław Sonik, Markos Kyprianou, Hiltrud Breyer and Markos Kyprianou.

Motions for resolutions to wind up the debate tabled pursuant to Rule 103(2):

- Urszula Krupa, Kathy Sinnott and Johannes Blokland, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group, on the trade in human egg cells (B6-0199/2005);
- Eva-Britt Svensson, Ilda Figueiredo, Věra Flasarová, Adamos Adamou and Georgios Toussas, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the trade in human egg cells (B6-0200/2005);
- Marcin Libicki, on behalf of the UEN Group, on the planned trading of human egg cells by Great Britain and Romania (B6-0201/2005);
- Anna Záboršká and Maria Martens, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, on the planned trading of human egg cells by Great Britain and Romania (B6-0202/2005);
- Martine Roure, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the planned egg cell trade (B6-0203/2005);
- Frédérique Ries, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on the alleged egg cell trade between the United Kingdom and Romania (B6-0204/2005);
- Hiltrud Breyer, Margrete Auken and Hélène Flautre, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, on the planned trading of human egg cells by Great Britain and Romania (B6-0205/2005).

The debate closed.

Vote: *Minutes of 10.03.2005, Item 7.5*

24. Agenda for next sitting

The agenda for the next sitting had been established ('Agenda' PE 356.301/OJME).

25. Closure of sitting

The sitting closed at 23.40.

Julian Priestley
Secretary-General

Janusz Onyszkiewicz
Vice-President

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

8.3.2005

The following signed:

Adamou, Adwent, Agnoletto, Albertini, Allister, Alvaro, Andersson, Andrejevs, Andria, Andrikienė, Angelilli, Antoniozzi, Arif, Arnaoutakis, Ashworth, Assis, Atkins, Attard-Montalto, Attwooll, Aubert, Auken, Ayala Sender, Aylward, Ayuso González, Bachelot-Narquin, Baco, Badía i Cutchet, Barón Crespo, Batten, Battilocchio, Batzeli, Bauer, Beaupuy, Beazley, Becsey, Beer, Beglitis, Belder, Belet, Belohorská, Bennahmias, Beňová, Berend, Berès, van den Berg, Berger, Berlato, Berlinguer, Berman, Birutis, Blokland, Bloom, Bobošíková, Böge, Bösch, Bonde, Bonino, Bono, Booth, Borghezio, Borrell Fontelles, Bourlanges, Bourzai, Bowis, Bozkurt, Bradbourn, Mihael Brejc, Brepoels, Březina, Brie, Brok, Brunetta, Budreikaitė, van Buitenen, Buitenweg, Bullmann, van den Burg, Bushill-Matthews, Busk, Busquin, Cabrnoch, Calabuig Rull, Callanan, Camre, Capoulas Santos, Carlshamre, Carnero González, Carollo, Casa, Casaca, Cashman, Caspary, Castex, Castiglione, del Castillo Vera, Catania, Cavada, Cederschiöld, Cercas, Chatzimarkakis, Chichester, Chiesa, Chmielewski, Christensen, Chruszcz, Claeys, Clark, Cocilovo, Coelho, Cohn-Bendit, Corbett, Corbey, Cornillet, Correia, António Costa, Costa, Cottigny, Coûteaux, Coveney, Cramer, Crowley, Marek Aleksander Czarnecki, Ryszard Czarnecki, Daul, Davies, Degutis, De Keyser, Demetriou, Deprez, De Sarnez, Descamps, Désir, Deß, Deva, De Veyrac, De Vits, Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Dičkutė, Didžiokas, Díez González, Dillen, Dimitrakopoulos, Di Pietro, Dobolyi, Dombrovskis, Doorn, Douay, Dover, Doyle, Drčar Murko, Duchoň, Dührkop Dührkop, Duff, Duin, Duka-Zólyomi, Duquesne, Ebner, Ehler, Ek, El Khadraoui, Elles, Estrela, Ettl, Eurlings, Jillian Evans, Robert Evans, Fajmon, Falbr, Farage, Fatuzzo, Fava, Fazakas, Ferber, Fernandes, Fernández Martín, Anne Ferreira, Elisa Ferreira, Figueiredo, Fjellner, Flasarová, Flautre, Florenz, Foglietta, Fontaine, Ford, Fotyga, Fourtou, Fraga Estévez, Frassoni, Freitas, Friedrich, Fruteau, Gahler, Gál, Gaťa, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, García Pérez, Gargani, Garriga Polledo, Gaubert, Gawronski, Gebhardt, Gentvilas, Geremek, Geringer de Oedenberg, Gibault, Gierek, Giertych, Gill, Gklavakis, Glante, Glattfelder, Goebbels, Goepel, Golik, Gollnisch, Gomes, Gomolka, Goudin, Grabowski, Graça Moura, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Gräßle, de Grandes Pascual, Griesbeck, Gröner, de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Grosch, Grossêté, Gruber, Guardans Cambó, Guellec, Guerreiro, Gurmai, Gutiérrez-Cortines, Gyürk, Hänsch, Hall, Hammerstein Mintz, Hamon, Handzlik, Hannan, Harangozó, Harbour, Harms, Hassi, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hazan, Heaton-Harris, Hedh, Hedkvist Petersen, Hegyi, Helmer, Henin, Hennicot-Schoepges, Hennis-Plasschaert, Herczog, Herranz García, Herrero-Tejedor, Hieronymi, Higgins, Hökmark, Honeyball, Hoppenstedt, Horáček, Hortefeu, Howitt, Hudacký, Hudghton, Hughes, Huhne, Hutchinson, Hybášková, Ibrisagic, Ilves, in 't Veld, Isler Béguin, Iturgaiz Angulo, Jackson, Jääteenmäki, Jałowiecki, Janowski, Járóka, Jarzemowski, Jeggle, Jensen, Joan i Marí, Jöns, Jørgensen, Jonckheer, Jordan Cizelj, Juknevičienė, Jelko Kacin, Kaczmarek, Kallenbach, Kamiński, Karas, Karatzasferis, Karim, Kasoulides, Kaufmann, Tunne Kelam, Kilroy-Silk, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kirkhope, Klamt, Klaß, Klich, Klinz, Knapman, Koch, Kohlíček, Konrad, Korhola, Kósáné Kovács, Koterec, Kozlík, Krahmer, Krarup, Krasts, Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kristensen, Kristovskis, Krupa, Kuc, Kudrycka, Kuhne, Kułakowski, Kušķis, Kusstatscher,

Kuźmiuk, Lagendijk, Laignel, Lamassoure, Lambert, Lambrinidis, Lambsdorff, Lang, Langen, Langendries, Laperrouze, La Russa, Laschet, Lauk, Lax, Lechner, Lehideux, Lehne, Lehtinen, Leichtfried, Leinen, Jean-Marie Le Pen, Marine Le Pen, Fernand Le Rachinel, Letta, Lévai, Janusz Lewandowski, Liberadzki, Libicki, Lichtenberger, Lienemann, Liese, Lipietz, Locatelli, Lombardo, López-Istúriz White, Louis, Lucas, Lulling, Lundgren, Lynne, Maat, Maaten, McAvan, McCarthy, McMillan-Scott, Madeira, Malmström, Manders, Maňka, Erika Mann, Thomas Mann, Manolakou, Mantovani, Markov, Marques, Martens, David Martin, Hans-Peter Martin, Martinez, Martínez Martínez, Masiel, Masip Hidalgo, Maštálka, Mastenbroek, Mathieu, Mato Adrover, Matsakis, Matsis, Matsouka, Mauro, Mavrommatis, Mayer, Mayor Oreja, Medina Ortega, Meijer, Méndez de Vigo, Menéndez del Valle, Meyer Pleite, Miguélez Ramos, Mikko, Mikolášik, Millán Mon, Mitchell, Mölzer, Mohácsi, Montoro Romero, Moraes, Moreno Sánchez, Morillon, Moscovici, Mote, Mulder, Musacchio, Muscardini, Muscat, Musotto, Musumeci, Myller, Napoletano, Nassauer, Nattrass, Navarro, Newton Dunn, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicholson, Niebler, van Nistelrooij, Novak, Obiols i Germà, Özdemir, Olajos, Olbrycht, Ó Neachtain, Onesta, Onyszkiewicz, Oomen-Ruijten, Ortundo Larrea, Őry, Ouzký, Oviir, Paasilinna, Pack, Pafilis, Borut Pahor, Paleckis, Pálfi, Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, Pannella, Panzeri, Papadimoulis, Papastamkos, Parish, Patrie, Pavilionis, Peillon, Pęk, Alojz Peterle, Pflüger, Piecyk, Pieper, Pīks, Pinheiro, Pinior, Piotrowski, Pirilli, Piskorski, Pistelli, Pittella, Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Pleštinská, Podestà, Podkański, Poettering, Poignant, Polfer, Poli Bortone, Pomés Ruiz, Portas, Posselt, Prets, Prodi, Protasiewicz, Purvis, Queiró, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Radwan, Ransdorf, Rapkay, Remek, Resetarits, Reul, Reynaud, Ribeiro e Castro, Ries, Riis-Jørgensen, Rizzo, Rocard, Rogalski, Roithová, Romagnoli, Romeva i Rueda, Rosati, Roszkowski, Roth-Behrendt, Rothe, Rouček, Roure, Rudi Ubeda, Rübig, Rühle, Rutowicz, Ryan, Sacconi, Saïfi, Sakalas, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Salinas García, Salvini, Samaras, Samuelsen, Sánchez Presedo, Santoro, dos Santos, Saryusz-Wolski, Savary, Savi, Schapira, Scheele, Schenardi, Schierhuber, Schlyter, Ingo Schmitt, Pál Schmitt, Schnellhardt, Schöpflin, Schröder, Schroedter, Schulz, Schuth, Schwab, Seeber, Seeberg, Segelström, Seppänen, Siekierski, Sifunakis, Silva Peneda, Sinnott, Siwiec, Sjöstedt, Skinner, Škottová, Smith, Sommer, Sonik, Sornosa Martínez, Sousa Pinto, Spautz, Speroni, Staes, Staniszewska, Starkevičiūtė, Šťastný, Stenzel, Sterckx, Stevenson, Stihler, Stockmann, Strejček, Strož, Stubb, Sturdy, Sudre, Sumberg, Surján, Svensson, Swoboda, Szájer, Szejna, Szent-Iványi, Szymański, Tabajdi, Takkula, Tannock, Tarabella, Tarand, Thomsen, Thyssen, Titford, Titley, Toia, Tomczak, Toubon, Toussas, Trakatellis, Trautmann, Triantaphyllides, Trüpel, Turmes, Tzampazi, Uca, Ulmer, Väyrynen, Vaidere, Vakalis, Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Vanhecke, Van Hecke, Van Lancker, Van Orden, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Varvitsiotis, Vatanen, Vaugrenard, Ventre, Vergnaud, Vidal-Quadras Roca, de Villiers, Villiers, Vincenzi, Virrankoski, Vlasák, Vlasto, Voggenhuber, Wallis, Walter, Watson, Henri Weber, Manfred Weber, Weiler, Westlund, Whitehead, Wieland, Wiersma, Wierzejski, Wijkman, Wise, von Wogau, Wohlin, Wojciechowski, Wortmann-Kool, Wuermeling, Wurtz, Wynn, Xenogiannakopoulou, Yañez-Barnuevo García, Záborská, Zahradil, Zaleski, Zani, Zappalà, Zatloukal, Ždanoka, Železný, Zieleniec, Zíle, Zimmer, Zingaretti, Zvěřina, Zwiefka